# Fly-tipping crisis on Camelot Way forces pedestrians onto busy roads in Small Heath



The persistent issue of fly-tipping has reached critical levels on Camelot Way in Small Heath, Birmingham, rendering parts of the pathway impassable for pedestrians. Piles of rubbish, including black bin bags and hazardous builders' waste, are obstructing the route, forcing vulnerable individuals, such as schoolchildren and the elderly, into the path of traffic. This alarming scene is further exacerbated by overgrown vegetation and discarded vehicle parts, adding to the dangers faced by the public.

Community activist Javed Iqbal captured footage of the situation on Saturday, 3 May, expressing his frustration over the deteriorating conditions. He stated, "Mountains of rubbish are plaguing our community, putting lives at risk and causing misery for locals, schoolchildren, and shoppers," while urging Birmingham City Council to take decisive action. Iqbal added, "We need solutions, prosecutions, and consequences for offenders." His remarks reflect a growing dissatisfaction among residents regarding the council's response to the ongoing crisis.

In response to these concerns, Councillor Majid Mahmood, cabinet member for transport and environment, acknowledged the detrimental impact of fly-tipping on local communities. He described it as an act committed by "environmental criminals that have no regard for our neighbourhoods or their well-being." According to Mahmood, the council acts swiftly to address such incidents, clearing hundreds of fly-tipping reports weekly, in addition to efforts by neighbourhood crews responsible for citywide cleanliness.

Mahmood also highlighted previous partnerships the council has formed to tackle issues on Camelot Way, indicating a commitment to continuing these collaborative efforts. He reiterated the necessity for community involvement in maintaining a clean environment and pointed out the lawful alternatives available to residents for disposing of waste responsibly. The council is also prioritising the prosecution of those caught engaging in fly-tipping and encourages residents to document and report incidents to aid in these efforts.

In a broader context, the UK Government has introduced new measures aimed at combatting waste crime. These initiatives include plans to seize and crush the vehicles used by those caught fly-tipping, alongside the deployment of advanced technology such as drones and mobile CCTV to enhance surveillance and enforcement efforts.

As the situation unfolds, it remains to be seen how effective these responses will be in addressing the pressing issue of fly-tipping in Small Heath and beyond.

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